

R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's allowance of claims 1-9 is respectfully acknowledged.

THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to clarify the positional relationship of the four strain gauges 120 shown in Fig. 11.

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be approved and entered.

THE DRAWINGS

Figure 9 has been amended as indicated on the accompanying copy thereof to show the positional relationship of the four strain gauges 120, as required by the Examiner.

Submitted herewith is a corrected sheet of formal drawing which incorporates the amendments and an annotated sheet showing changes made.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner's objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

THE CLAIMS

Claim 10 has been amended to clarify that respective opposite ones of the four strain gauges are disposed to be deformed in opposite directions. And claim 11 has been amended to clarify that each pair of strain gauges includes one strain gauge with an upward orientation and one strain gauge with a downward orientation.

It is respectfully submitted that clarified amended claims 10 and 11 are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 USC 112, and it is respectfully submitted that claims 10 and 11 are fully supported by the disclosure of the amended specification and by amended Fig. 9. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered, and that the rejection under 35 USC 112 be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that the amendments to the claims are clarifying in nature only and do not narrow the scope of the claims either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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